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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NFAC Administrative Staff

SUBJECT : Membership on DCI Panels

1. It has been brought to my attention that there are discussions being held which address fixing terms of membership on the various DCI Panels in the Agency. I think this is a good idea.

2. The Office of Strategic Research is the parent component for the DCI's Military Economic Advisory Panel (MEAP) which was formed in 1973. This Panel, which currently is composed of nine members, meets at least twice annually. In addition, the members undertake projects individually throughout the year. The MEAP membership to date has been fairly fluid in that four current members have served for two years or less and there are only three members remaining from the original MEAP Panel.

3. OSR has been carefully selective to ensure that both continuity and the proper mix of skills are maintained in the membership. We have given considerable thought over the past year to replacing two of the original members. After five years' experience with the Panel, we have found that about two years of membership are required before the consultant is thoroughly productive as a Panel member.

4. Attached is a chart showing the membership in MEAP. We would propose to establish a basic five-year tenure for this particular Panel. Because of the need to keep the proper balance of skills and experience, however, we would like to reserve enough flexibility to occasionally set either four or six-year terms.

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